Compensation to victims of 1984 Riots

4508. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government made a special announcement for giving package compensation to the victims of 1984 riots in India;

(b) if so, how many persons are to get this compensation;

(c) how many persons are actually being given compensation;

(d) the State-wise details of progress under this package; and

(e) how many persons have applied for and the names of victims who have been left out of the list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The Government had on 16th January, 2006 sanctioned a 'Rehabilitation Package' to provide relief to the victims of 1984 riots. The details of the package are given in Statement-I *See* below). The concerned State Governments were advised to invite claims from the victims/families of victims of 1984 riots, conduct necessary verification/scrutiny and make disbursement of the amount of *ex-gratia*. The State Governments are still in the process of making payments. A statement giving details of claims received from the victims of 1984 riots, claims settled and the amount disbursed by the State Governments, as per information received from them so far, is enclosed at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Rehabilitation package to victims of 1984 riots

The details of *ex-gratia* amount and other assistance sanctioned under the 'Rehabilitation Package' for the victims of 1984 riots are as mentioned below:

(i) *Ex-gratia* amount @Rs. 3.5 lakh would be paid in each case of death during the riots. This will be in addition to the amount already paid by the respective State Governments;

(ii) *Ex-gratia* amount in case of injuries will be paid @ Rs. 1.25 lakh minus the amount already paid by the State Governments;

(iii) All death cases which took place in trains during the 1984 riots would also be considered for payment of *ex-gratia* after due verification;

(iv) No new claims for grant of *ex-gratia* for death or injury would be entertained. Only those who received *ex-gratia* earlier should be eligible for the enhanced additional *ex-gratia* amount. However, if there are any pending or dispute cases which are awaiting decision for want of the necessary proof/evidence, such cases can be considered if they are finally accepted as genuine claims;

(v) *Ex-gratia* for damaged residential properties would be paid @ 10 times the amount originally paid after deducting the amount already paid;

(vi) *Ex-gratia* for damaged uninsured commercial/industrial properties would be paid @ 10 times the amount minus the amount already paid;

(vii) Children/family members of those who died in the riots of 1984 will be given preference in recruitment in para-military forces, IR Battalion, State Police Forces, Public Sector Undertakings and other State and Central Government departments by giving necessary age relaxation;

(viii) The Central Government/State Governments may launch a special recruitment drive to accommodate eligible members from, riot affected families.

(ix) Those who had lost their jobs in other States would be allowed to rejoin by treating the period of absence as 'dies-non';

(x) Those who had to leave their jobs due to riots and have already crossed the age of superannuating may be given necessary pensionary benefits by relaxing the normal rules to the extent possible;

(xi) The State Governments may grant pension to all the widows and old aged parents of those who were killed in the 1984 riots at the unilform rate of Rs. 2500/- per month for the whole life from a prospective date. Wives of those who have suffered disability of 70% or more and those who are missing since 1984 may also be provided pension at the same rate;

(xii) Approximately 22,000 families of victims of the riots, which migrated to Punjab from other riot affected States and are still living there, would be paid Rehabilitation Grant @ Rs. 2 lakh per family. Similarly placed families of victims of the riots living in other States may also be given Rehabilitation Grant at the rate of Rs. 2 lakh per family.

2. The entire expenditure on payment of *ex-gratia* in case of death and injury and *ex-gratia* for damaged residential properties and damaged uninsured commercial/industrial properties and rehabilitation grant for the families of riot victims who have shifted to Punjab and other States would be borne by the Central Government. The expenditure on payment of pension to the widows and old aged parents of those who were killed in 1984 riots, wives of those who have suffered disability of 70% or more and those who are missing since 1984 would be borne by the respective State Government.

Statement-II

Details of claims received from victims of 1984 riots settled and amount disbursed of State Government

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of claims received by State Govts./UT	Number of claims settled	Amount disbursed (Rs.)
1.	NCT of Delhi	11,183	8,323	121,95,39,496
2.	Bihar	58	Information not available	53,80,520
3.	Chhattisgarh	403	Information not available	1,60,00,718**
4.	Haryana	619	518	6,43,50,315
5.	Himachal Pradesh	326	Information not available	1,82,67,342
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	62	--	96,71,000
7.	Jharkhand	1265	Information not available	13,84,03,896
8	Madhya Pradesh	3270	2561	17,43,61,729
9	Maharashtra	80	Information not available	Information not available
10.	Orissa	No claims received	—	—
11.	Punjab	13,125	11,809	2,36,15,09,997
12.	Uttarakhand	378	Information not available	5,88,850
13.	Uttar Pradesh	4,326	Information not available	4,28,59,500

**Amount allocated for disbursement. Amount of actual disbursement is not available.